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SUBJECT: DANISH REACTION TO LUXEMBOURG EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING

SUMMARY: DANISH REACTION TO LACK OF ACCOMPLISHMENT AT LUXEMBOURG WAS ONE OF DISAPPOINTMENT EVEN THOUGH EXPECTATIONS PRIOR TO THE MEETING WERE LIMITED. DANES FELT LET DOWN BY THE GERMAN FAILURE TO CONTRIBUTE TO ECONOMIC RECOVERY. EVEN STRONGLY PRO-EC COMMENTATORS WERE TAKEN ABACK BY WHAT THEY SAW AS A GERMAN POWER DEMONSTRATION. END SUMMARY.

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1. THE DANES DID NOT EXPECT MUCH TO COME OUT OF THE LUXEMBOURG EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING BUT, AS EXPRESSED BY PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN, HOPED THAT THERE WOULD BE AT LEAST A SMALL STEP TOWARD A JOINT EFFORT TO STIMULATE EUROPEAN ECONOMIES. WITH A STRONG INTEREST IN PROTECTING THE DANISH KRONE THROUGH EUROPEAN MONETARY COOPERATION, THEY HAD HOPED THAT THE MEETING WOULD AT LEAST CONSOLIDATE THAT COOPERATION.

2. ON THE QUESTION OF A POSSIBLE GERMAN EFFORT TO SUPPORT EUROPEAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY, PRIME MINISTER JORGENSEN SUPPORTED CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S CALL FOR ECONOMIC DISCIPLINE BY THE WEAKER PARTNERS, BUT DID NOT HIDE HIS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT GERMANY OFFERED NOTHING. NON-GOVERNMENT PRESS COMMENTATORS, BOTH PRO-AND ANTI-EC, CRITICIZED THE NEGATIVE GERMAN ATTITUDE MORE OPENLY, PARTICULARLY THE STRONG FORM OF CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT'S PRESENTATION.

3. THE DANES HAD EXPECTED THAT THEY WOULD BE CRITICIZED BY THEIR EUROPEAN PARTNERS FOR DRAGGING THEIR FEET ON THE ISSUE OF DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND HAD MADE SOME EFFORT TO MODIFY THEIR VIEWS. AS IT TURNED OUT, THE FRENCH COUNTER-PROPOSAL ON DIRECT ELECTIONS DIVERTED ATTENTION FROM DANISH RELUCTANCE, ENABLING PM JORGENSEN TO REGISTER WITH SOME SATISFACTION THAT IT WAS NOT THE DANES' FAULT THAT NOTHING WAS DETERMINED ON THIS ISSUE.

4. NATIONALBANK GOVERNOR ERIK HOFFMEYER TEMPERED CRITICISM OF THE GERMANS (A) BY OBSERVING THAT MONETARILY STRONG COUNTRIES USE THEIR POWER TO FORCE WEAKER COUNTRIES TO CONCENTRATE ON COMBATTING INFLATION EVEN AT THE COST OF HIGHER UNEMPLOYMENT, AND (B) BY EXPRESSING THE HOPE THAT THE ANTAGONISM AROUSED BY CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WOULD TURN OUT TO BE LESS SERIOUS THAN IT LOOKED.

5. COMMENT: BECAUSE PM JORGENSEN COULD REPORT BOTH DANISH EFFORTS TO GET THE ECONOMY OFF THE GROUND AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED RATE OF INFLATION, HE FOUND IT POSSIBLE TO ENDORSE SCHMIDT'S CALL FOR ECONOMIC DISCIPLINE. HIS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE GERMANS REFUSED TO EXPAND DEMAND IS UNDERSTANDABLE INASMUCH AS GERMANY IS A MAJOR MARKET FOR DANISH INDUSTRY, WHOSE EXPORT POSITION IS CURRENTLY WEAK.  
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